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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
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Re: Application of Boaz KENAN, Yair ERAN, Avner KARPOL, Emanuel ELYASAF, and Ehud TIROSH  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETICLE INSPECTION USING AERIAL IMAGING  
Our Ref: 003587 USA 02/MASK/RT/DB

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/417,518 (Confirmation No. 7543) filed October 13, 1999, of Boaz KENAN, Yair ERAN, Avner KARPOL, Emanuel ELYASAF, and Ehud TIROSH entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETICLE INSPECTION USING AERIAL IMAGING.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims, four (4) sheets of formal drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1756.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a divisional of Application No. 09/417,518 (Confirmation No. 7543) filed October 13, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Cancel claims: 1-26 and 58-63.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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A check for the statutory fee of \$908.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any



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petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Enclosures:

1. Divisional Transmittal Letter (original and 1 copy) with check No. 173089 (\$908.00);
2. Application, including the specification (21 pages), claims 1-63 (pages 22-32), and the Abstract (page 33);
3. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney;
4. Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-4);
5. An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO 1449.